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MAYOR'S AWARDS NOMINATION DEADLINE APPROACHES

The Historic Preservation Office is currently accepting nominations for the 5th Annual Mayor's Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation. The 2007 awards program is slated for this fall and will honor significant contributions by individuals, organizations, and businesses that promote historic preservation in the District of Columbia. Nominations will be accepted through June 30, 2007 in the following categories:

Individual Lifetime Achievement for Excellence in Historic Preservation: recognition of an individual who has made a significant, long-term (20 years or more) contribution to historic preservation in the District of Columbia.

Excellence in Stewardship: recognition of stewardship efforts on behalf of a significant historic resource in the D.C. Inventory of Historic Sites or the National Register of Historic Places exemplifying superior, quality preservation.

Excellence in Community Involvement: recognition of individuals or organization support and/or involvement in neighborhood preservation issues, plans, projects or initiatives.

Excellence in Historic Preservation (Design): recognition of exceptional work completed in accordance with the purposes of the D.C. Historic Preservation Law, in the categories of restoration/rehabilitation, and new construction in a historic district or at an individually listed landmark. Both small- and large-scale properties, buildings, objects, structures, or landscapes will be considered. Projects must have been completed within the last three years to be considered.

Excellence in Public Education: recognition of innovative and exceptional preserva-



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One of 10 projects and individuals honored at last year's awards program was the affordable housing rehabilitation in the Shaw Historic District, featured on the television series *This Old House*. Joining Mayor Anthony A. Williams on stage for the presentation at that time were, l-r, Kevin O'Connor, *This Old House*; Fernando Lemos, *Mi Casa*; Mayor Williams; Erik Johnson, DCHD Home Again Initiative; Mahyar Mabvi, Venus Construction; Genell Anderson, AMAR Group; Jennifer Steingasser, Office of Planning; Ferne Barrow, WETA-TV.

tion educational programs, curricula, or informational tools. Outstanding media coverage of preservation issues by reporters, writers, publishers and publications are also eligible.

Excellence in Archaeology: recognition of outstanding achievements in contributing to the understanding of past cultural behavior.

Copies of the application, submission guidelines, and a list of previous winners are available on the HPO website at: www.planning.dc.gov/preservation. Electronic applications may be requested by sending an e-mail to historic.preservation@dc.gov or by calling 202.442.8835. ♦

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE

by Patsy Fletcher

Historic preservation means many things for many people. In my job I get called upon to facilitate all sorts of preservation. Some of you may not be aware, as the Community Outreach staff for the Historic Preservation Office, I focus primarily on the communities that are not historic districts. One of the great things about my job is that I get to move around the city and find out what people are interested in and maybe even facilitate their efforts. While I catch some flak from the preservation-averse, I also meet many folks who are desperate to hold on to the identity of their community. The preservation of community allows District residents to maintain a sense of self which they may feel in danger of losing in this period of rapid change in the District. While some don't understand the relationship of self identity to historic preservation, others do and are taking steps to utilize this valuable tool to save themselves.



Patsy Fletcher,
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An example of this is found in Shaw East, a community experiencing tremendous development pressure, demographic change, and divisive leadership. In reaction but also foresight, the parishioners of the historic 3rd Baptist Church, at the corner of 5th and Q Streets, have decided that their spiritual home needs protection so that it may serve as a beacon and testimony of fortitude for the generations (and residents) to come. Under our sponsorship, they are now working with the DC Preservation League to prepare a landmark nomination for the building.

Another church, St. Paul AUMP Church in Southeast Washington, is just about the last physical reminder of a community founded by free African Americans who worked at the Navy Yard. Most of that early neighborhood was razed to make way for public housing that essentially engulfed the church. Very soon St. Paul will again be surrounded by new condominiums and HOPE VI housing. Its small but determined congregation sees value in preserving its building, designed by Romulus C. Archer, to house a denomination founded in 1813. Here, too, the congregants will be working with the DC Preservation League through our grant program.

In Ward 8 are the beginnings of a preservation-minded consciousness. Councilmember Barry, famous for constituent engagement, has established a Ward 8 History/Heritage Council to take its place along with his other ward councils such as Economic Development, Health, and Education. The members of the

History/Heritage Council are very concerned with lack of regard for the historic resources east of the river. Some of these resources identified include industrial buildings and old theaters as well as the magnificent view across the Anacostia. But the council's primary goal is to heighten awareness of the historical assets and tradition among the residents who in turn would be the best advocates for historic preservation in their communities.

One final preservation story has its roots on the grounds of Cedar Hill, the home of Frederick Douglass in Old Anacostia. The recent death of Martha Parham Alston, the daughter of Gladys Parham, known to many as "Miss Pam," has encouraged the stewardship of another type of historical resource. With Ms. Alston's passing came the question of what to do with the many period costumes that she and her mother had made while they were in residence on the grounds as caretakers. Some Ward 8 residents have fond memories of having to don the costumes in DC's summer heat as tour guides at Cedar Hill. They recall gaining an appreciation of what late nineteenth century men and women endured. I think we have found a place where the costumes can be preserved, eventually displayed, and the story told. But this bit of history came to me because, again, historic preservation has many different meanings. And in my job I get to assist District citizens in determining how best to preserve what is important to them. ♦



Cedar Hill, the home of Frederick Douglass in Old Anacostia.

HPO AND DCRA ANNOUNCE SHARED STAFF POSITION

In an effort to improve customer service for property owners and residents of the District of Columbia's 43 historic districts, the Office of Planning Historic Preservation Office and the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs have created a new historic preservation review staff position.

The new historic preservation specialist, reporting to the Historic Preservation Office but housed at DCRA, will expedite the permit-

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FIRES RAVAGE TWO D.C. LANDMARKS

To say that Monday, April 30 wasn't a good day for District of Columbia landmarks would be an understatement. Within a 12-hour period, separate fires destroyed the South Hall of the 1873 Eastern Market, the city's only remaining working farmer's market, and gutted the Georgetown Public Library on R Street at the crest of Wisconsin Avenue.

In the Eastern Market fire, 14 small food vendors were temporarily put out of business, while the library fire severely damaged the significant Georgetown-related art and archival holdings of the D.C. Library system in the Peabody Room.

Before dawn that morning HPO inspector Toni Cherry was on the scene at Eastern Market providing valuable input on salvaging as much of the historic fabric of the building as possible.

HPO architectural historians Anne Brockett and Steve Callcott have participated in several meetings about Eastern Market while OP GIS staff has provided graphics and maps for initial rebuilding efforts. OP volunteers also staffed a Capitol Hill community forum the second week in May that drew several hundred residents and supporters out to discuss temporary location options for market vendors.

In conversations between Library Director Ginnie Cooper and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer David Maloney, we've



Interior photo of Eastern Market.



Georgetown Library exterior.

learned that the damaged materials from the Peabody Collection have been sent out and stored in freezers to facilitate future restoration efforts.

HPO and OP staff members are investigating possible grant funding sources that might help the District secure the \$40 million that it will take to bring both of these landmarks back to productive use. ❖

NEW LISTINGS IN THE D.C. INVENTORY OF HISTORIC SITES

September 2006 through April 2007

The District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office has recorded the following landmark designation activity during the past eight months.

Added to the D.C. Inventory of Historic Sites

Bulletin Building

717 6th Street, NW

Designation September 28, 2006

Sponsor: DC Preservation League

Danzansky Funeral Home

3501-03 14th Street, NW

Designation April 26, 2007

Sponsor: DC Preservation League

Elizabeth G. Randall Junior High School (Francis L. Cardozo Elementary School)

65 I Street, SW

Designation April 26, 2007

Sponsor: Corcoran Gallery of Art (owner)

Uline Arena and ice plant

1132, 1140, and 1146 3rd Street, NE

Designation November 16, 2006

Sponsor: DC Preservation League

Cuban Friendship Urn*

Ohio Drive at 14th Street Bridge, SW

Francis Asbury Memorial*

16th and Mount Pleasant Streets, NW

Francis Griffith Newlands Memorial Fountain*

Connecticut and Western Avenues, NW at Chevy Chase Circle

General Jose de San Martin Memorial*

Virginia Avenue and 20th Street, NW

Guglielmo Marconi Memorial*

16th and Lamont Streets, NW

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Memorial*

Connecticut Avenue, M and 18th Streets, NW

James Cardinal Gibbons Memorial*

16th Street and Park Road, NW

Samuel Gompers Memorial*

Massachusetts Avenue and 10th and L Streets, NW

Samuel Hahnemann Monument*

Massachusetts and Rhode Island Avenues, NW

Temperance Fountain*

7th Street and Indiana Avenue, NW

Titanic Memorial*

Southwest Waterfront Park, Water and P Streets, SW

Daniel Webster Memorial*

Massachusetts and Rhode Island Avenues, NW

Union Station Plaza/Columbus

Plaza/Columbus Fountain*

Massachusetts, Louisiana and Delaware Avenues and 1st Street, NE

All Designated February 22, 2007

Sponsor: National Park Service

Federal Home Loan Bank Board Building

101 Indiana Avenue, NW

Social Security Administration Building (Wilbur Cohen Building)

330 Independence Avenue, SW

United States Department of Agriculture South Building

1351 C Street, SW

United States Public Health Service Building

1951 Constitution Avenue, NW

United States Railroad Retirement Board Building (Mary Switzer Building)

330 C Street, SW

U.S. Courthouse of the District of Columbia (E. Barrett Prettyman U.S. Courthouse)

333 Constitution Avenue, NW

All Designated April 26, 2007

Sponsor: General Services Administration

Historic District Expansions

Greater Fourteenth Street Historic District Boundary Increase

Expansion approved January 18, 2007. Effective March 11, 1007

Sponsor: DC Historic Preservation Office

Sixteenth Street Historic District Boundary Increase

Expansion approved January 18, 2007. Effective March 11, 2007

Sponsor: DC Preservation League

Multiple-Property Thematic Documents

Memorials in Washington, D.C.

DC adoption, February 22, 2007

Sponsor: National Park Service

See related Individual Memorial Nominations(*)

For more information on new listings to the D.C. Inventory of Historic Sites, please send an e-mail request to historicpreservation@dc.gov or call 202.442.8835. ❖

REVISED ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT BROCHURE PUBLISHED

The District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office is pleased to announce the release of an updated and revised brochure featuring the Anacostia Historic District.

The 28-page brochure, revised by Kim Williams, National Register coordinator at HPO, and funded by a matching grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, includes nine new photos in addition to those included in the 1996 edition.

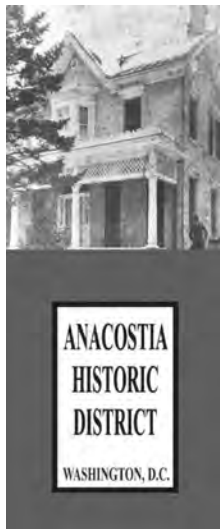


Photo Credit: HPO

The Anacostia Historic District, anchoring the waterfront "east of the river," was established in 1978 with a period of significance covering the years of 1854 through 1930, when most of the construction took place in the community once known as Uniontown.

The cover of the revised Anacostia brochure features a historic image of Cedar Hill, the home of Frederick Douglass.

The Anacostia brochure is one of a series of brochures covering the following historic districts that include Capitol Hill, Cleveland Park, Dupont Circle, Foggy Bottom, Georgetown, Greater 14th Street and Logan Circle, Kalorama Triangle, LeDroit Park, Massachusetts Avenue, Mount Pleasant, Mount Vernon Square, Sheridan-Kalorama, Sixteenth Street, Strivers Section, Takoma Park, and Woodley Park. Electronic copies may be downloaded from the office website at <http://planning.dc.gov/preservation>.

Individual print copies of the brochure may be obtained by contacting HPO by calling 202.442.8800 or sending an e-mail request to johanna.hernandez@dc.gov. ❖

MAYOR APPOINTS TWO TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD

Mayor Adrian M. Fenty recently named two District residents, Andrew Aurbach and James S. Kane, to the Historic Preservation Review Board. Both appointments were approved by the Council of the District of Columbia in March.

Aurbach, a native Washingtonian and current resident of Ward Three, is a media producer. He is one of the founders of the young benefactors for the Historical Society of Washington/The City Museum – a group that

became known as "The City Guild," and a former board member of the Cleveland Park Historical Society.

This is the fifth term for Kane, a member of the Board since 1992. He is a resident of the Greater 14th Street Historic District and an employee of an architectural firm in Georgetown.

Prior to these appointments, four HPRB members' terms expired include Mr. Kane's. New provisions of the Historic Preservation Amendment Act of 2006 reduced the number of board members from 11 to 9. Other board members whose terms expired were Ronnie McGhee, Jacque Patterson, and Amy Weinstein. ❖

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ting process that previously required applicants to hand-carry all permit applications between DCRA and the Office of Planning.

The specialist will review permit applications for work in historic districts, advise applicants on permit requirements, and approve plans as part of the permitting process.

Individuals interested in the position may obtain submission requirements by contacting HPO at 202.442.8835 or by sending an e-mail to historic.preservation@dc.gov. ❖

COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS FOR FY 2007 ANNOUNCED

Late last year, the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office announced matching grants funds for activities in the categories of survey/inventory, preservation planning, historic resource registration/nomination, public education/outreach, and resource development/restoration. The program is made possible through an annual appropriation awarded by the National Park Service through its Historic Preservation Fund.

Eleven grant applications requesting a total of \$197,013 were received by the application deadline.

A total of \$52,400 for five grant awards was approved:

Project	Applicant	Grant Amount
Architectural Treasures of Shaw	Shaw Main Streets	\$ 3,370
Lanier Heights Historic Resources Survey	Kalorama Citizens Association	\$14,000
History of Peirce Mill	Friends of Peirce Mill	\$6,000
Congressional Cemetery Bicentennial	Association for the Preservation of Congressional Cemetery	\$19,030
Report on the Neighborhood Surrounding Historic Adas Israel Synagogue	Jewish Historical Society of Washington	\$10,000

2006 MAYOR'S AWARDS



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The Stephen Decatur House Museum (NHL) on Lafayette Square provided the perfect location for the 2006 Mayor's Awards. The historic site chosen for the location of the 2007 program will be revealed later this summer.



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